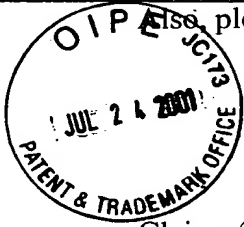


each stack and wherein the number of optical fibers is more than 1800 and the fill factor is not greater than 85% in a one-and one-half inch duct.

Also, please add the "Abstract of the Disclosure" enclosed herewith.



Remarks

Claims 23-30 have been added to define further the scope of the invention.

The application was filed without an Abstract of the Disclosure and such an Abstract is being added to the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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